

WAYS AND MEANS OF THE COWPER MINISTRY.

The colony has now for several days past, had the opportunity of informing itself as to the financial position of the Colonial Treasury from the Ministerial Estimates for the year 1897, issued from the Press of the Government Printer.

On this occasion it will not be possible for Mr. Cowper to claim a limited liability as to the items in that production, as he did with regard to Mr. Campbell's and Mr. Murray's statement, at their elections, in proposing a reduction of the minimum price of land—since those Estimates are dated from the Treasury, New South Wales, as of 16th September, 1896, and signed Robert Campbell; and also, Mr. Cowper had specially promised that the other members of the Cabinet would assist the Treasurer in his peculiar labours of that responsible office. That signature, therefore, will for ever identify the Cowper Ministry, as established on the 25th August last, with the Estimates presented to the Legislative Assembly at their meeting, and which will consequently remain amongst the archives of the colony as a memorial of the joint administrative capacity, in finance, of Mr. Cowper, of Mr. Campbell, of Mr. Murray, and of Mr. Martin. I mention more particularly the fact of a signature, because one unmentioned Bill, which lately stood for second reading, has, since the Assembly met, lapsed into the "limbo" of unpassed and unacknowledged legislation—a dropped Bill! which expired on the 16th day of September A.D. 1896, through the absence of the member for Cook and Westmoreland, its reputed parent. I say reputed, because on the bill itself there is nothing to show but that it may have been produced by the spontaneous action of the excited printing press of Mr. Hanson, cruelly denied the luxury of a re-edition of Callaghan's Act! It certainly appears to be a pity that whilst Mr. Martin has striven so eagerly for the possession of all the privileges appertaining to the High Court of Parliament at Westminster, that he should not have had his name endorsed on that Bill, "to declare and define the Privileges of Parliament," after the method used at St. Stephen's, viz.:—"Prepared and brought in by Mr. James Martin, member for Cook and Westmoreland." Already at Adelaide that Bill has been gravely imputed to the follies of the Donaldson Cabinet, and perhaps a future Neilbair, trusting to some partially-obiterated records of private Bills, and to a stray number of the *Empire*, will confidently attribute its introduction to the resuscitated member for Paramatta, Mr. Oakes, or even to Mr. Parkes himself, as he spoke so alarmingly thence of knives and revolvers aimed at patriotic breasts. It was decidedly fair to him, when the Legislature gave my member leave to propose a new measure, that the name of such member should appear on the back of the Bill, as in England, avowedly its parent and introducer.

While craving pardon for a certain amount of digression in the above comments, I nevertheless must refer to another matter of form and substance, as to the manner in which the Estimates are drawn up. From the head IV., "Executive and Legislative," at page 21, down to the last item in the 81st page, all comparison between that proposed to be voted for 1897, and what was actually voted for 1896 is entirely omitted.

Now in the detailed revenue in pages 8, 9, and 10, the Estimates for 1897 is set down parallel with what was received in the past year of 1896. To make things intelligible, the plan of placing what was voted for the previous year should appear throughout next to the sums and items, and the sums and items sought to be obtained by the vote of the Assembly.

In England, after years—viz., thirty years of expostulation, the veteran Joseph Hume got the War Office to put every single item for the new year, cheek by jowl with each vote proposed in the ensuing year, and thus every increase or decrease was apparent and had to be explained to the guardians of the people's purse previous to ratification.

The general abstract at the beginning is probably apparent to most capacities, and the debit entries to be provided for on loan—£577,625, corresponds with beautiful simplicity with the credit of £577,625 "to be raised by loan." Turning over, however, but two pages the tax or war commences with the "revenue detailed," for before the votes can be solicited for the separate heads of expenditure the Assembly must be satisfied that the Estimates submitted are correct in details of all altering sources of revenue, besides assenting to the rectitude of the principles, by which increased taxation is imposed upon certain goods and certain persons within this territory.

As yet one is left uncertain whether all the matters of an increased revenue for 1897 are deductible from the four resolutions of Mr. Cowper proposed for the adoption by the Assembly in a committee of supply. Can it be presumed to be so?—especially when looking into the several classes of goods &c., proposed to be charged under the third resolution, not omitting to number the four pleasant exceptions in favour of salt, whiting, hay, and straw from the toll which is to fall on all other goods, wares, and merchandise not already charged with the payment of Customs duties. I apprehend that if the small and trifling wedge be once tolerated by the Assembly through its adoption of those four resolutions, there will come hereafter some others of a similar tendency, for it is so much harder for Ministers to screw up an impost a little higher than to face the emergency of a defalcation from an erroneous estimate, upon the faith of which the expenditure has perhaps been already adopted.

It was the fear of such expedients occurring in England that influenced ten years ago the leading Free-traders to insist that the importation of corn should be absolutely free, and to oppose manfully the specious advantage to the permanent revenue from a duty of only one shilling, which in all human probability they knew some unstatesmanlike Ministry would screw up as some "expedient of a temporary character," when the Free-trade determination of the country was so momentous.

There is, moreover, a most vicious element in the apportionment of taxation under the first and third resolution of Mr. Cowper, whereby a distinct and limited class of the community are unexpectedly doomed to contribute some twenty thousand pounds directly to the Colonial Treasury, without any reason but that they are rich, and that their stores cannot be easily shifted from Port Jackson to Port Phillip! Unfortunate as indeed the results undoubtedly are, from the too great indulgence in spirits by many in the colony, yet there can be no justice in suddenly assessing a class of persons who perform a legitimate business in vending stimulants, as in China. If there be any one who is in the Cowper Cabinet who wisely and virtuously sighing for better taste and habits of abstinence—have thought that, next to the Maine Liquor Laws, a tax upon spirit dealers would not be an unwholesome lesson for the colony and its conscience, let them forthwith

emend their estimates, in the 9th page, by ceasing to count upon an increase of revenue on "night licenses to publicans."

Before terminating this general view of the estimate side of the Budget, I must remind Mr. Campbell that in adopting this method of screwing the Customs from £211,735, in 1895, to the hoped-for sum of £250,000, he has but followed some part of the plan proposed by the Finance Minister of the Canadian, Mr. O'Leary, who has lately had to resign. He, like Mr. Campbell, (or rather the Cowper Cabinet) flinched from meeting the courageous course of true financiers, who have advocated the direct taxation of the community, according to their respective incomes and properties.

I am right glad to see that such a course has been suggested by an enthusiastic advertiser in these columns, in anticipation of the city meeting fixed for Monday, for I feel confident that without such a plan being adopted, and by refusing that safe system of self-taxation, we shall prove ourselves unfit for self-legislation, as France did under Louis Philippe, during the eighteen years of whose reign he fell more and more in debt, and never dared to raise a new tax!

PHILADELPHES.

20th September, 1896.

INSOLVENT COURT.

Monday.

Brown the Chief Commissioner of Insolvency Estates. In the estate of James Lambert, a third meeting. Claims amounting to £183 1s. 3d. were proved, and but one objection was made. Insolvent made an offer of composition of 10s. in the pound, to be paid in cash at the meeting to be called for confirmation. The meeting agreed to the offer, allowing insolvent to retain his furniture and wearing apparel; and in the event of his being daily called upon to assign whatever money he has already received (less expenses) to the creditors, to retain those funds and to pay the balance to the creditors.

In the estate of John Nolle, a special meeting. Claims amounting to £183 1s. 3d. were proved.

In the estate of Alexander D. Scott, a first meeting. Claims amounting to £183 1s. 3d. were proved.

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BATHURST CIRCUIT COURT.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1896.

Baroness Mary, Justice of the Peace.

William Henry was indicted for stealing a cow, the property of Mary Nevin, at King's Plains, on the 24th June, 1896.

The prisoner was defended by Mr. Holroyd, and pleaded not guilty.

The witnesses for the Crown proved the loss of a cow and other cattle of Mary Nevin. The cow was valued at £10, and it was a very valuable animal. It was found that the prisoner had been seen near the cow, and that he had been seen with the cow on the 24th June, 1896.

The prisoner was found guilty, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, with hard labour.

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nine-roomed House, well known as the Tenones Inn, in Manchester-street, town of Tenonoe, on the Manning River, close to the landing place.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street.

The spacious, strong, and substantial House, erected on a town allotment of half-an-acre at land, purchased from the Crown, and situated in section 2, lot 2, in the plan of the township, being in the main street leading to the jetty, and near the wharf at which the steamers used to discharge and load.

The house has a verandah in front, contains nine rooms, a detached kitchen lined with cedar, and the main building lined with cedar-board and grooved and stained pine, on a substantial foundation of logs. Underneath is a cellar. In the yard is a six-stall stable.

The premises were erected expressly for an Inn.

References in Sydney can be given.

Some further particulars may be learned on application to the City Clerk.

In the Insolvent Estate of Leopold Morgan, on the Premises, Pitt-street, Redfern.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions from the official assignee, J. P. McKenzie, Esq., to sell by auction, on the Premises, Pitt-street, Redfern, on FRIDAY next, the 26th instant, at

The stock-in-trade of the above-named insolvent, comprising

- 3 hogshheads vinegar
- 20 ditto London ale and porter
- 4 ditto wine
- 1 cask coconut oil

And a quantity of vitriol, blacking, ginger wine, corianda, blacking balls, oil, &c.

Empty casks, &c. Also,
A horse and dray.
Terms, cash.

A neat Brick Cottage in Cleveland-street.
BOWDEN and TIRELKELD will sell by
auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street,
on THURSDAY, the 25th September, at 11 o'clock,
A brick verandah cottage, in Cleveland-street, 8—

The frontage to Cleveland-street, 24 feet by a depth of 17 feet. Rental £52 per annum, free of taxes, being on no boundary line of the city.

Terms at sale,

Two Large Houses, with Shop Fronts, in Campbell-street, Glasgow.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, on **THURSDAY**, the 25th day of September, at 11 o'clock,

Two newly erected, substantial, and commodious stone houses, with spacious shops, fronting Campbell-street, near to the Warwick Arms.

Each house contains five rooms, besides the shop and passage, with kitchen at the rear, and room over the kitchen.

The houses have been erected in a creditable and satisfactory manner, under the immediate inspection of the warden, and in full compliance with the requirements of the Building Act.

The roofs are slated.

To one house is attached a bakehouse and oven, with an

On the same plot of ground, which has 34 feet 6 inches to Campbell-street, by a depth of 145 feet to another road, a large weather-boarded building, containing six rooms, a carpenter's work-shops over, the entrance to which is from the middle of the yard.

One of the front shops is let; the other is now nearly ready for a tenant.

Terms at sale.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions from the Official Assignee to sell by auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 11 o'clock, on the premises, George-street South, near the Crown Inn, The stock-in-trade of the above-named insolvent, consist-

BOWDEN and TRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, on **THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at 11 o'clock.**

Four dwelling-houses in Denham-street, near the corner of Crown-lane, at the rear of the steam flour mill in Bourke-street, near to the South Head Road. The external walls are built of stone, the partition walls of brick. Each house contains four rooms, with separate yard, and are now let at the reduced rate of sixteen shillings each, to good tenants. A portion of the purchase money may remain at interest if required.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, **THURSDAY**, the 25th instant, at 11 o'clock. That strong and substantial House, with shop front, situated on the South Head Road, between Crown and Bourke streets, now in the occupation of Mr. Sykes, ironmonger, with a house at the back, front-

BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, **THURSDAY**, the 25th day of September next, at 11 o'clock,
A very valuable block of land situated on the banks of

The river Hunter, opposite Norreth, containing about five acres, part of the celebrated Phoenix Park Estate, being bounded on the south and east by a line bearing west 22½ degrees, east 287 feet; on the north by a reserved road 594 feet, and in other respects by the river Hunter.

The auctioneers have much pleasure in directing the attention of persons residing on both sides of the river, in the vicinity of Norreth, to the sale of this very valuable

book of land, so long withheld from public competition by the absence of the owner from the colony. Since his recent return several applications have been made for the private purchase of this land, but he has now given instructions to have it disposed of by public auction, as the most satisfactory way of arriving at its true value.

Terms at sale.

Ironmongery, Hollowware, Stoves, Piping

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, **TO-MORROW, Wednesday,** 14th instant, at 11 o'clock,

TINWARE.

Tin tea pots
Ditto gold-washing dishes

Ditto dippers
Ditto milk dishes
Ditto bread tins
Ditto hollowed basins.
IRONMONGERY and HOLLOWWARE.
Saucepans, assorted
Oval boilers
Spades
Shovels

Galvanized plain and corrugated iron
Ditto ditto ditto iron piping
Galvanized iron buckets.

Highly Important to Painters, Glaziers, Oil and Colour-
men, Ship Chandlers, &c., &c.
Positive Unreserved Sale.
Raw and Boiled Linseed Oil
White Lead, Paints, and Varnishes.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the Mart, 211, George-street, **TOMORROW, Wednesday, 24th instant, at 11 o'clock,**

Ex Rob Roy—
1 hogheads (each about 50 gallons) raw linseed oil
2 ditto boiled oil
5 tons best. ground white lead

1 ditto ditto black paint
 1 cwt. ditto pale emerald tint green paint
 0 ditto ditto middle ditto ditto
 5 cwt. venetian red paint
 0 gallons Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s finest oak varnish
 0 ditto finest carriage copal
 0 ditto patent knotting.

Terms at sale:

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, **TO-MORROW, Wednesday,** at 11 o'clock, the first lot to be offered, 1 strong substantially-made Scotch dray 1 superior-made town cart.

Terms at sale.

Cargo of Potatoes,
Ex Amherst, from New Zealand.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD are instructed
to sell by auction, on WEDNESDAY next, on
the Circular Wharf, at half-past 2 o'clock p.m., prompt.
The cargo of potatoes, per brig Amherst, from New Zealand, to lots to suit purchasers.

Terms at sale.

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6 cwt. venetian red paint
gallions Blundell, Spence, and Co.'s finest oak varnish
ditto finest carriage copal
ditto patent knotting.

Terms at sale.

Strong Scotch Dry
Superior-made Town Cart.
BOWDEN and THREKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, TO-MORROW, Wednesday, 14th inst., at 1 o'clock, the first lot to be offered,
1 strong superior-made Scotch dry
1 superior-made town cart.
Now on view at the rear of the Auction Mart.

Terms at sale.

Cargo of Potatoes,
Ex Amherst, from New Zealand.
BOWDEN and THREKELD are instructed to sell by auction, on WEDNESDAY next, on the Circular Wharf, at half-past 2 o'clock p.m. precisely,
The cargo of potatoes, per brig Amherst, from New Zealand, in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms at sale.

FRANCIS-STREET, GLEBE
TWO SNUG DUCK COMPANY

PORT AND CO. have been instructed to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on **WEDNESDAY**, 24th September, at 11 o'clock, a large quantity of **BRICKS**, situated on the northern side of France-street, close to Franklin-place, Globe.

Each section contains two large rooms, 20 having also a detached kitchen, stable, &c. They stand on an allotment, having about 33 feet frontage to France-street, by a side street, &c. The whole formed by the yard divided. A well good water for the supply of both cottages.

This presents an opportunity to mechanics, labourers, and others, in want of suitable residences for themselves, for securing the same in a most convenient locality, at a very cheap of a thriving and improving portion of the City.

A plan at the Rooms, Pitt-street.

MOUNT PHILIP ESTATE.
Situate in the Parish of M-yville and C-m-b-y of Cumberland County, containing 1000 Acres, more or less.

1000 ACRES, DISJUNCT ABOUT 25 MILES FROM SYDNEY.

[And in the immediate vicinity of the
BRINKEN PARK
MINCHINBURY
LUCAN PARK
MORSLEY AND LOOKWOOD ESTATES.

MORT and CO. have been instructed by Mrs. Margaret Roberts to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 24th September,
That valuable and well-known estate MOUNT PHILLO.
This splendid property is situate in the parish of Melville and county of Cumberland, close to the Warrumbidgee Road, and within about twelve miles of the Paramatta Railway Terminus, and twenty-eight miles of Sydney. It contains 1,100 ACRES more or less, and is bounded by the following

Another portion of the Mount-Pilim Estate, which extends to the south by Horley and Lockwood, and on the west by Ropé's Creek, which separates it from Erskine Park.

The Mount-Pilim Estate comprises that famous agricultural and farming farm, THE HILLSIDE FARM, of about 160 acres—one of the very finest in the colony, and of about 100 acres of which have been cleared and under cultivation, the remaining 60 acres more or less being uncultivated grass land. There are also labourers' cottages, and a yard for the use of the farm.

Another portion of the Mount-Pilim Estate, to the extent of about 60 acres, has been leased to two respectable persons, who are bound to clear, fence, and bring the same under cultivation, and also to erect two good cottages thereon.

The rest of the estate includes a very large extent of the RICHEST AGRICULTURAL LAND, on which

There is an abundance of good timber, whether for splitting into shingles, or for building chiefly of ironbark, stringybark, beefwood, &c.

The property is watered by the Roper's Creek; which forms part of the western boundary, and by a tributary of Eastern Creek. The following WATERS which HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO FLOOD.

☞ In bringing this estate forward for public sale, the undersigned feels bound to direct to the attention of CAPITALISTS SEEKING AN INVESTMENT, or of SETTLEMENTS on the look-out for a COUNTRY PROPERTY, that

As an agricultural estate it would perhaps be difficult to find one which contains so large an extent of good and goodly arable land. There is, as stated above, an abundance of fine timber upon it, as also good improvements on the land, and the improvements on the property, or for the supply of material

the surrounding districts, cannot be too highly estimated.
It is accessible from Sydney by rail and coach in a couple of hours, and will be brought still nearer by the opening of the Windsor Branch Line, which will further facilitate the transit of all farm produce to the City markets.
* From the large extent of good land and creeks and rivers in the Mount Pilo estate is admirably adapted for SUBDIVISION into small farms, and any party wishing it with this view would no doubt find it turn out to be MOST LUCRATIVE INVESTMENT.
PLAN on view at the Rooms, Pitt-street: and every information to be obtained from MORT and CO.

MORT and CO. have received instructions to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 24th September, A new and comfortable weatherboard cottage, No. 50, 1/2 Union-street, Sussex-street, containing 4 rooms, with a large front verandah, brick nogged, and has good chimneys, and has also a cut stone side entrance.

WATER LAID ON.

The above stands on a block of land, having a frontage of 26 feet to Union-street. Its adjacency to the street, and its central position between Banks-street, and the corner of the intersection of Banks-street and Drutt, Kent and Sussex-streets, ensure to it a constant occupancy, and impart to a value which no circumstances can depreciate.

Plan at the Rooms. Terms at sale.

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY.
BATHUIST-STREET WEST.

Three beautiful and commodious three-story Houses, situated on the south side of BATHUIST-STREET WEST, a little below Sussex-street, erected by those well-known and eminent builders, Messrs. Brodie and Co.

MORT and CO. have received instructions from the proprietors, to sell by public auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11 o'clock, on WEDNESDAY, 24th September.

All that splendid block of buildings as above mentioned. The block comprises three Houses, alike in every respect. The first HOUSE is in a front area, flagged, having a flight of stone steps, leading from the front entrance to a passage leading to a large and comfortable

chairs, just a pantry, and the housekeeper's rooms; light, airy, heated, and well ventilated.

ON THE SECOND FLOOR is a hall with a staircase, dining-room of large dimensions, corniced ceiling, with cupboards or small sideboards in the recess, and a very comfortable parlour.

ON THE FIRST FLOOR is a hall leading to a pleasant parlour with two French windows, opening into a handsome balcony.

Bathurst-street, corniced ceiling, and cupboards fixed on the same floor are the principal bed-rooms.

ON THE SECOND OR ATTIC FLOOR are three bed-rooms, and closets, light, and airy.

IN THE REAR is a covered verandah, the first of the kind in the town, which also covers the back area. Water laid on, and conduits to each house. Every attention paid to drainage, and perfectly at a great expense. The walls are of brick, and the roof of shingles.

The front area is enclosed with a neat iron balustrade fence, capped with wood, on a massive stone base. The rear is also sleekly, like parapet walls, well tended, and furnished with rain water piping. In fact no expense has been spared.

The yards are large and well enclosed, with high dividing fences, double closets, places for horses and gigs, with

These premises have been erected in a very neat and substantial style, with due regard to durability, comfort, and convenience, and intending purchasers are earnestly invited to inspect them prior to the sale; and on application at the Rooms.

As a freshhold investment they will rank second to none in the City of Sydney; as from the solidity of construction

and the materials used, these buildings will not require a farthing's outlay for years.

Plan on view at the Rooms.

Terms at sale.

TUESDAY, 30th September.

Most Important Sale of one of the Finest Cattle Stations in New South Wales.

VAUGHAN and WILD beg to announce to capitalists and squatters, that they are authorized by Messrs. J. and T. Hyland, to submit for sale by public auction, the property of the late Mr. Edward Wild, to sell at Bear's Exchange Rooms, on **TUESDAY, 30th September**, at 2 o'clock p.m., Their splendid cattle station the **QUART QUARTO**, situated on the Murray River, N. S. W., twenty-five miles from Albury.

Quart Quarto is considered one of the finest stations in that part of the colony. It has ten miles frontage to the sea, and fifteen miles back, and is well watered by two large rivers.

It consists chiefly of plains, with open forest at the back. Its area is about 94,000 acres, and it is capable of carrying 1,500 head of cattle. It will be offered with from 3500 to 4000 head of cattle, and from 300 to 400 horses. The cattle are a cross of the best, and the horses, being bred out of Lawson's blood, are of the best quality. There is a small leasehold, but there is a sufficient guarantee.

There are 800 now fat and ready for market. The horses are generally of the Soveren breed, a horse imported by Dr. Wilson, and out of the number at least 100 are fit for the harness.

The improvement, consisting of huts, stockyards, grass and cultivation paddocks, &c.

Whoever should be the fortunate purchaser of this station

For further particulars apply to Messrs. L. and T. H. LAND, Boro, near Goulburn, New South Wales; or, to VAUGHAN and WILD, 55, Queen-street, Melbourne.

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